



Silver Star Banner

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners will honor Silver Star Families of America at their Cook County Board Meeting on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Chicago, IL 60602**. This event was initiated in 2008 by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, 6th District, to recognize wounded or ill service members who served in a war zone.

We respectfully ask that you please solicit **Cook County Veterans** from your district who qualify for the Silver Star Banner. Have the veteran fill out the attached Service Banner Request Form, complete a short bio with details regarding their injury and the war zone in which it occurred. They should sign and return to our office no later than Friday, May 22, 2015. We will forward all requests to the Silver Star Service Banner Coordinator. Original photos can be submitted for use and will be returned.

Qualifications are as follows: Any Armed Forces personnel either currently serving honorably or those who have served honorably from ANY war, has been wounded or contracted a serious illness and could be rated at least 10% disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We are coordinating our efforts through the various veteran organizations, the Cook County Veterans Assistance Commission and Cook County Board of Commissioners. We hope you and the qualified veteran will attend the ceremony on June 10th. **HOWEVER, THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MAY STILL REQUEST A SILVER STAR BANNER.**

We would like to get at least one veteran from each of the 17 county districts. We would suggest that your staff reach out to the various service organizations (VFW, American Legion, etc.) in your district.

Please contact Bill Browne – Director, (312) 603-6423, or Audrey Mollo – Administrative Assistant, (312) 603-2221 with any questions or email us at veterans.affairs@cookcountyil.gov. The veterans may also fax information to (312) 603-4479.

Event details: Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Reception:

8:30am – 10:30am

4th Floor Conference Room

Ceremony:

11:00am – 12:30pm

5th Floor Cook County Board Room